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# S. 777

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 1999

Mr. FITZGERALD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Freedom to E-File  
5       Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. ELECTRONIC FILING AND RETRIEVAL.**

2           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
3   date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
4   shall establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to  
5   enable the public to file all required paperwork electroni-  
6   cally with the Department of Agriculture and to have ac-  
7   cess to public information on farm programs, quarterly  
8   trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar  
9   information.

10          (b) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days  
11   after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
12   report to Congress on the progress made toward imple-  
13   menting subsection (a).

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